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In re Application of : April 6, 2005
LISZIEWICZ, et al. : Atty Docket No. RGT 9771
10/081,922 : Group 1632
Filed: 15 September 1998 : Examiner: Wilson

**For: Method of Delivering Genes into Antigen
Presenting Cells of the Skin**

Commissioner for Patents
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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT; RENEWED REQUEST FOR
MEETING**

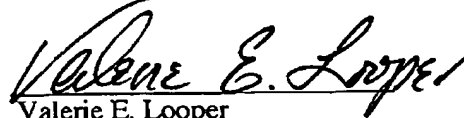
The Applicants request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment in the referenced case, and again respectfully request a meeting with the Practice Specialist, the Supervisory Examiner, and the Examiner to discuss the defective Final Rejection bearing a mail date of 09/22/04.

Counsel for the applicants had followed up on the written request for a meeting filed 10/22/04 by telephone with the Examiner to offer available dates and times for the meeting. The Examiner replied that a meeting would not be necessary, because a response from the USPTO would be forthcoming. The Office Action, when it came, included a Notice of Abandonment, allegedly for the Applicant's failure to respond. The Office Action, bearing a mail date of 04/04/05, does not cure the defects in the Final Rejection because it maintains new matter rejections that are insupportable, as pointed out in detail in an Amendment filed 06/07/04.

Counsel for the applicant notes that the Examiner acknowledges picking up the case again on April 1, 2005, and calling Counsel's office. Counsel was traveling at that time,

when construction at the office site caused a power outage occurred that disabled the phone message system. Counsel thanks the Examiner for his courtesy in attempting to reach Counsel's office by phone.

Respectfully Submitted,


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